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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 27, 2006, **CLIFTON V. PINKSTAFF**, age 30, of Lawrenceville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. PINKSTAFF was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment, was fined \$750, and was placed on 10 years supervised release.

PINKSTAFF had previously pleaded guilty to a one count federal indictment. Count 1 charged that from on or about July 2003, the exact date being unknown, through on or about December 10, 2005, in Lawrence and Crawford Counties, PINKSTAFF did knowingly and intentionally conspire with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B), and 846.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, the Robinson and Lawrenceville Police Departments. In addition, the Crawford and Lawrence County States Attorney's Offices have assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.